

It's summah-time! Sustainability is in full swing this June - check out this month's newsletter to learn more.

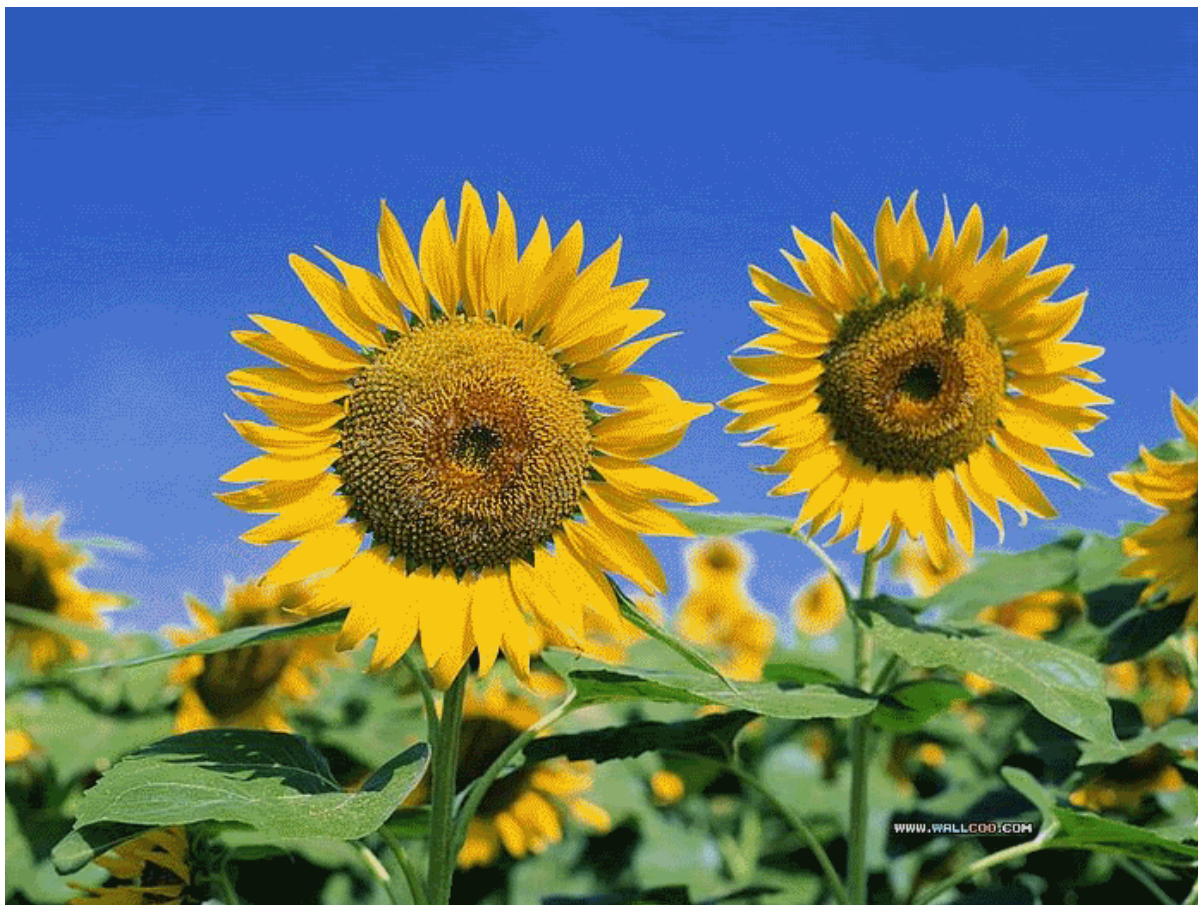
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SUSTAINABLE NATICK

MAY 2016 NEWSLETTER

Let's talk summer.



Ahhh... summer. We're so glad to see you. You're full of [long walks](#), [fragrant flowers](#) and [sunny days](#) - you really are the best.

This summer Natick is going to be hopping with a slew of sustainability-related initiatives.

We're excited to be a part of them and hope you'll join us at some of the fun events highlighted below.

So mark your calendar! It's going to be an epic June.

June 4: Take a Woods Walk with Tom Wessels



Tom Wessels, author of the popular book [Reading the Forested Landscape](#), is leading a hiking tour of [Broadmoor Wildlife Sanctuary](#) (Mass Audubon, Natick). The outing might be called an exercise in forest forensics. Wessels has created a key – a fascinating series of either/or questions – to guide you through the process of analyzing what you see.

Using evidence such as the shapes of trees, scars on their trunks, the pattern of decay in stumps, the construction of stone walls, and the lay of the land, it is possible to unravel complex stories etched into our forested landscape. Was this forest once farmland? Was it logged in the past? Was there ever a major catastrophe like a fire or a wind storm that brought trees down?

[Register to join us](#) on June 4 from 1–4 PM and find out!

June 12: Enjoy an Organic Garden Tour



Are you interested in gardening and reducing your use of pesticides, but not sure where or how to begin? Alternatively, do you love skipping through beautiful flower gardens and supporting the Bacon Free Library, all while enjoying wine and cheese?

If you said yes to either question, the [Friends of the Bacon Free Library's Garden Tour](#) is for you! This year's theme is Organic & Sustainable Gardening, and the group will be showcasing ten amazing gardens, as well as three public properties that have recently eliminated pesticides from their turf management practices. The [Wellesley College Botanic Gardens](#), among other local gems, will be featured, and docents will be available to answer questions at each property.

The June 12 tour will begin at 2pm and will conclude with an exclusive wine, cheese and cider reception on the grounds of the Bacon Free Library from 4:30–6pm.

You can buy your ticket at the Bacon Free Library or [online here](#).

June 16: Meet Natick's Solar Installer



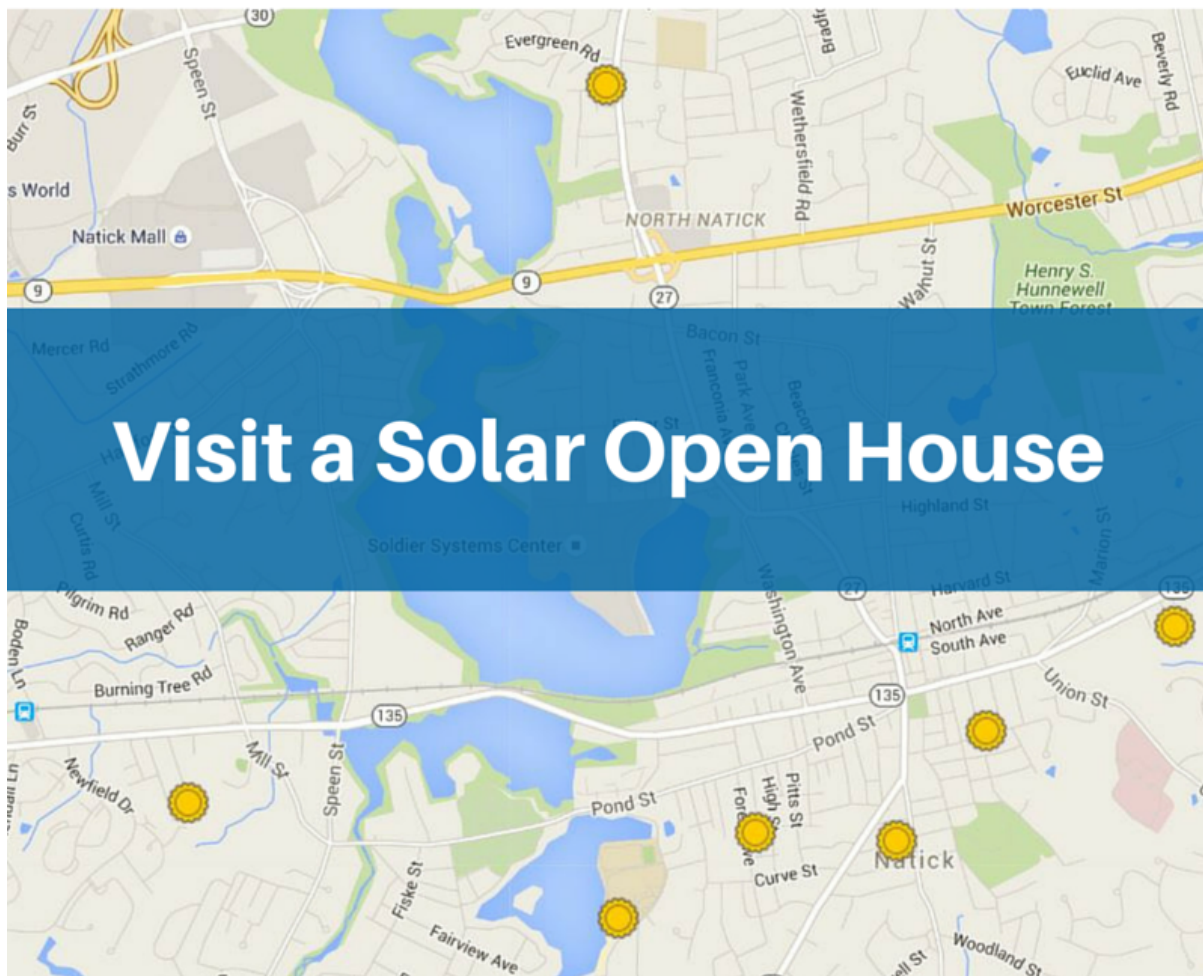
Did you miss Solarize Mass Natick's launch event on May 19? No problem! The group is hosting a second [Meet the Installer Night on June 16](#) at the Cole Recreation Center.

More than 250 Natick residents have expressed an interest in Solarize Mass Natick, and this event is a great place to [learn if solar makes sense for you](#).

Representatives from the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center, the Department of Energy Resources and [Boston Solar](#) will speak about state and federal incentives, the program's discounted pricing, solar equipment options, and financial considerations. All participants will have a chance to ask questions and sign up for home assessments. Plus, refreshments will be provided. Yay!

Attend Event

June – July: Check Out a Local Solar Array



Speaking of solar...some people say [solar is contagious](#). When one house in a neighborhood goes solar, others follow.

If you've ever wondered about your neighbor's solar array, here's your chance to find out more! The volunteers [Solarize Mass Natick](#) are hosting a series of [Solar Open Houses](#). Each Open House will give you a chance to see a Natick solar array and to ask the property owner questions about installation, maintenance, performance or any other questions you might have. Featured below is the upcoming schedule of open houses – the next is scheduled for this [Saturday, June 4 from 2–4pm at 31 Stacey St](#).

No official registration is needed, but if you'd like to add it to your calendar – we've included links below. We hope to see you there!

[McGarrity Residence](#): Saturday, June 4 from 2–4pm at 31 Stacey St

[Miller Residence](#): Thursday, June 9 from 4–6pm at 5 Walcott St

[Ryan Residence](#): Tuesday, June 21 from 6–8pm at 18 Lincoln St

[Natick High School](#): Saturday, June 25 from 10am–12pm at 15 West St (main entrance)

[Roberson Residence](#): Sunday, July 10 from 6–8pm at 1 Lenox St

Year-round!: Get Your Curbside Compost On



Natick's curbside composting pilot starts the week of June 7 (actual collection varies based on trash day). If you're participating, remember to pick up your bin and start collecting your food scraps this week. Happy Composting!

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